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REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1

This is UNEVALUATED

1. Between 14 April and 13 May 1954, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne [REDACTED] Brandenburg, was occupied still to capacity by about 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The units were equipped with at least 18 x 203-mm howitzers and about 16 x 122-mm field howitzers. Howitzers of both calibers and trucks with troops were repeatedly seen en route toward Walzwerk and Hohenstuecken, from where they returned on the same or the following day. On 7 May, trucks [REDACTED] each occupied by 12 troops, left the installation toward Hohenstuecken, while 2 two-load 203-mm howitzers, 1 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 prime movers and 1 field kitchen returned to the installation. On 11 May, 3 two-load 203-mm howitzers, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 9 prime movers and 6 trucks, occupied by about 150 troops [REDACTED] left the installation toward Hohenstuecken. The column returned at 2:14 p.m. on 13 May. Trucks [REDACTED] were repeatedly observed at driving school practice. 4
2. At about 2 p.m. on 23 April, a conference, which was attended by about 250 officers, was held in Schuetzenhaus, Rathenow. The officers, who arrived in sedans and trucks, included some not belonging to the Rathenow post.
3. Between 20 April and 7 May, the Ziethen Kaserne [REDACTED] Rathenow, was occupied. On 7 May, about 40 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. On 20 April, a signal squad of about 12 soldiers, equipped with field telephones, cable reels and poles, left the installation toward south. On 26 and 28 April, a total of about 14 trucks and 150 troops with small arms and baggage were seen in front of the installation, ready to leave.
4. On 27 April, the Ziethen Kaserne, Rathenow, appeared to be rather quiet. Individual officers and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed. At 12:40 p.m., about 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with field telephones entered the installation. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.
5. On 8 May, the Infanterie Kaserne [REDACTED] and the Pionier Kaserne [REDACTED] Rathenow, were occupied by only a guard detail, whereas Kraftfahrer Kaserne [REDACTED] was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. Intensive activity was observed in the latter installation, with about 100 troops being engaged in cleaning

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of straw mattresses. At 1:30 p.m., about 70 troops marched toward the town. At 3 p.m., they were followed by trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] which carried about 60 troops and a military band. Trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] entered [redacted] 25X1
and left the installation.

6. The Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne were lighted about 10 percent 25X1
and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was fully lighted in the evening on 7 May. Between 25X1
3 and 7 May, motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] engaged in driving school practices in the town area. 25X1
7. Between 5 and 9 May, the north section of Delius Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied
as previously by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with
artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. On 5 May, about 70 troops re-
ceived instruction on 8 x 150-mm gun howitzers in the training area of the
installation. Truck [redacted] and 40 soldiers with field telephones left the 25X1
installation, the latter for the training area.
8. Between 5 and 9 May, the Ludendorff Kaserne [redacted] Potsdam, was occupied by 25X1
about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor
transport insignia, the Hohenlohe Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by about 120 25X1
troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and the
south section of Delius Kaserne by a small guard detail. There was no
training in the three installation during the period under review. On 9 May,
trucks [redacted] were seen in front of Ludendorff Kaserne. 3 25X1
9. Between 22 and 24 April, AT guns fired toward Grosser Jasmunder Bodden from
the isthmus between Glowe and Juliusruh in the northern portion of Ruegen Island,
with the Bodden being restricted during the practice. About 1,000 troops 25X1
wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia;
and equipped with 150 trucks and 30 AT guns bivouacked in the woods between 25X1
Glowe and Juliusruh. At 11:30 a.m. on 22 April, 4 x 85-mm AT guns and trucks
[redacted] left the Sagard rail-
road station toward Glowe. [redacted] at least 50 guns had been
detained on 22 April. On 22 April and during the day on 23 April, troops 25X1
fired at a target which was towed with a 200-meter hawser by a tugboat, about
5 km off shore. On 24 April, the troops left toward Sagard, where entrainings
were observed in the evening. 4 25X1
10. On 22 April, the northern portion of Bad Prora [redacted] Ruegen, was occupied 25X1
by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Individual troops 25X1
and trucks were seen in the installation.
11. On 30 April, Putlitz Kaserne [redacted] Rostock, was heavily occupied by troops 25X1
wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 19 x 100-mm
AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] entered the installation.
12. On 30 April, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse [redacted], Rostock, appeared
to be heavily occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and naval per-
sonnel. Trucks [redacted] towing 75-mm AT guns entered the 25X1
installation. 5
1. [redacted] Comment: Prior to mid-May, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occup 25X1
as previously by the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US). [redacted] 25X1
According to available information, the 122-mm field howitzers which are believed
to number 12 guns apparently belong to the heavy howitzer batteries of the
brigade.
2. [redacted] Comment: The information confirms the absence from the Rathenow post of 25X1
units of the 6th Arty Div. The troops transferred to Altengrabow in late April
and early May. [redacted] In late April, signal units of the 25X1
IV Arty Corps from Ziethen Kaserne had presumably also left for Altengrabow.
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3. Comment. The information confirms the previous impression that, prior to 5 May, the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US) from the south section of Delius Kaserne and the unidentified Gun Arty Brig of the 34th Arty Div (US) from Hohenlohe and Ludendorff Kaserne transferred to Altengrabow, whereas the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig stationed in the north section of Delius Kaserne remained at the post. 25X1
4. Comment. The information supplements previous information. According to previous information, elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from Doeberitz and the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock participated in the firing practices. shipments to and from the training area on 22 and 25 April. units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) may have also participated in the firing, although no pertinent information has been received from Schwerin. 25X1
5. Comment. According to the present information, the north section of Bad Prora was occupied as previously by units of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) and the two barracks installations in Rostock by the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig, prior to late April. 25X1

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